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TAGS OVIP TBIO OSCI UR (WEINBERGER, C.W.)
SUBJ: VISIT OF HEW SECRETARY TO USSR AND POLAND
FOR CHARGE FROM HEW SECRETARY WEINBERGER

1. AS YOU KNOW, HEALTH MIN PETROVSKY HAS INVITED ME TO VISIT THE SOV UNION IN RECIPROCATION FOR HIS VISIT TO THE US LAST AUG. I HAD EARLIER ACCEPTED THIS INVITATION IN PRINCIPLE, AND HAVE NOW WRITTEN TO PETROVSKY PROPOSING A ONE WEEK VISIT BEGINNING AUG 30, FOLLOWING A VISIT TO POLAND AND ENDING WITH MY DEPARTURE FOR LONDON ON SEPT 6. THIS LETTER IS BEING POUCHED TO YOU, AND I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU COULD HAVE IT DELIVERED TO PETROVSKY ON MY BEHALF. THE LETTER DOES NOT MENTION THAT I AM ALSO PLANNING TO VISIT POLAND PRIOR TO ARRIVING IN MOSCOW. TO GIVE SOVS MAXIMUM PLANNING TIME, YOU MIGHT INFORM PETROVSKY OF THIS TELEGRAM, AND THAT MY PERSONAL LETTER FOLLOWS.

2. I PLAN TO BRING MRS WEINBERGER, THE DEPT'S SENIOR HEALTH
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OFFICIAL, ASST SEC EDWARDS, AND HIS WIFE, DR EGEBERG, AND APPROX

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THREE OTHER COLLEAGUES. I COULD ALSO BRING AN INTERPRETER,
UNLESS YOU THINK IT WOULD BE JUST AS EASY TO ARRANGE FOR ONE
THROUGH THE EMB.

3. WE ASSUME THAT THE SOVS WILL EXTEND COMPARABLE HOSPITALITY
TO THAT EXTENDED TO PETROVSKY PARTY IN US, IE PAY ALL IN-COUNTRY
COSTS FOR PARTY, INCLUDING ACCOMMODATIONS AND TRAVEL. I WOULD
APPRECIATE YOUR CONFIRMING THIS.

4. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO A FULLL SCHEDULE WHILE IN USSR.
I AM PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN MEETING PEOPLE INVOLVED WITH THE
US-USSR HEALTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM, AND VISITING INSTITUTIONS HAVING
RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE EXCHANGE. THESE INCLUDE: INSTITUTE OF
EXPERIMENTAL AND CLINICAL ONCOLOGY, MOSCOW; MYASNIKOV INSTITUTE
OF CARDIOLOGY, MOSCOW; SYSIN INSTITUTE OF COMMUNAL HYGIENE, MOSCOW;
GAMALEYA INSTITUTE, MOSCOW; FIRST MEDICAL INSTITUTE, MOSCOW;
AND ACADEMY OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, MOSCOW.

5. I WOULD ALSO BE WILLING TO VISIT OTHER HEALTH INSTITUTIONS
IN OR OUTSIDE MOSCOW AS SUGGESTED BY EMB OR MOH TO OBTAIN GENERAL
OVERVIEW OF SOV HEALTH SYSTEM. I AM ALSO INTERESTED IN VISITING
PLACES OF CULTURAL AND HISTORIC INTEREST.

6. I WOULD APPRECIATE EMB'S ASCERTAINING FROM SOVS PROBABLE EXTENT
OF: A. PRESS COVERAGE AND CONFERENCES. WE ARE PREPARING A DRAFT
JOINT COMMUNIQUE, WHICH WILL BE POUCHED FOR EMB COMMENT. B. PUBLIC
APPEARANCES AND NEED FOR OFFICIAL SPEECHES. C. ANTICIPATED ENTERTAIN
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MENT SCHEDULE. I WILL WISH TO HOST A RECEPTION OR OTHER APPROPRIATE
SOCIAL FUNCTION, AND WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SUGGESTIONS IN THIS REGARD
.

7. I WOULD BE PLEASED TO MEET WITH NON-HEALTH OFFICIALS IN VIEW
OF MY BROADER DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR EDUCATION AND WELFARE
,
AND WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS ON THIS POSSIBILITY. I WANT PARTICUL
ARLY
TO MEET WITH THE MIN OF HIGHER AND SECONDARY SPECIALIZED EDUCATION.

8. I WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE HAVING A DRAFT OF THE PROGRAM FOR THE
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VISIT AT YOUR EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY, INCLUDING THE NAMES OF SOV OFFICI
ALS
THE PARTY IS LIKELY TO MEET, AND SUGGESTIONS FOR SEPARATE PROGRAM
FOR WIVES WHEN APPROPRIATE. MRS WEINBERGER IS A NURSE AND WOULD
BE INTERESTED IN VISITING CHILDREN'S MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS, SCHOOLS,
AND SO ON.

9. WE ASSUME EMB HANDLES ALL NECESSARY SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS.

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10. MY CONTROL OFFICER FOR THE VISIT IS MY SPECIAL ASST FOR
INT'L AFFAIRS, DR GRANVILLE S AUSTIN.

11. PLEASE ADVISE WHEN LETTERS DELIVERED SO COPIES MAY BE FURNISHED
SOV EMB HERE. RUSH

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